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**HARDING**  
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## Campus rallies to aid fellow student

Money raised to help with cost of highly experimental surgery

Katie Tool  
Staff Writer

**M**elissa Holley, a freshman at Harding last year, was critically injured in a one-car accident June 25 in Colorado that left her pinned underneath her automobile in a ditch.

After her family's recent move from Goodlettsville, Tenn. to Ridgway, Colo., Holley was driving between her two summer jobs when the accident occurred. Her car landed on top of her after flipping over three times on a wet road.

Holley was listed in critical condition immediately after the accident, and was told she would never walk again because of the severe bruising of her spinal cord and the two broken and two damaged vertebrae in her mid-back.

Her father immediately got on the Internet in search of some way to help his daughter. He learned of a white blood cell therapy that had regenerated damaged nerve cells in rats in Israel.

Holley qualified to be the first human to receive this new treatment that had just been approved by the FDA. It had to be done within 14 days of the injury.

Because of the short notice and special equipment needed, Holley's flight to Tel Aviv, Israel cost more than \$90,000. The surgery was performed 10 days after the accident, with only her father able to be present.

As she left for Israel, Holley told her well-wishers, "I'm not scared, I'm excited."

The surgery went well and Holley is now back in Colorado after spending three and a

half months in Israel. She is currently in the Englewood, Colo. hospital undergoing tests to see if the surgery was successful. Doctors will know in nine to 12 months whether the microphages have regenerated the severed nerves enough for Melissa to move her legs and eventually try to walk.

"She knows that things may not be the same but is confident that she will walk again," sopho-

more Traci Wheeler, a friend of Holley's, said.

At the time of the accident, Holley's family had just moved from Tennessee to Colorado, so their insurance had not gone into effect yet. The only insurance that was able to pay for anything was the car insurance, which only paid \$50,000.

Melissa's first year of recovery is expected to cost more than \$200,000.

The Oct. 19 chapel was a day of contribution for Melissa. President David Burks called her at the hospital and the chapel audience sang "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" to her. She expressed an attitude of peace that God will take care of her.

"She always has a positive about everything, she never lets anything get her down," Wheeler

said.

Over \$20,000 was raised in chapel, and the money continues to come in. There are also efforts to get donations from Searcy businesses.

"It was amazing for a bunch of students to walk out of chapel one day and, with their spare change, show that much love for Melissa Holley," Student Association President Matt Milligan said. "That day really showed how close the Harding family is. We took care of our sister."

OEGE, Holley's social club, is tentatively planning to sponsor a walk-a-thon to help with their club sister's medical expenses. Melissa's spirits throughout the whole situation have remained positive. "She is very upbeat and has high

spirits that she will walk again," sophomore Lindsey Davison said. "She always wants to know how everyone else is doing. She is such a blessing to us."

Melissa's family and friends have asked for contained prayers on Holley's behalf.

Donations for Melissa can be brought to Burks' office or sent to the Melissa Holley Fund at First National Bank, P.O. Box 426, Ridgway, CO 81432.



Melissa Holley

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Matt Milligan,  
SA president



**Retired General Colin Powell**, former chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, talks Tuesday with President David Burks (above) before addressing a capacity crowd in the Benson Auditorium (right). Because of the high ticket demand, Powell's speech was transmitted via closed circuit television to the Heritage and Carter auditoriums. This was Powell's last public appearance before next month's elections. For more on the upcoming elections, see pages four and five.



Lauren Brubaker/The Bison

## AMA recognizes longtime sponsor HU chapter establishes scholarship, names first recipient

Shannon Powell  
Staff Writer

**T**he American Marketing Association held a dedication ceremony Oct. 17 in the Hammon Room to honor its former sponsor, Charles Walker.

AMA named a new \$500 Junior Marketing Scholarship in his honor. The scholarship is available to any junior or senior who is an active AMA member.

This year's recipient of the scholarship is Paula Durham. Durham is a senior marketing major and was pleased to receive the award.

"Thank you so much for this award," Durham said at the ceremony. "I am very honored."

Walker taught marketing at Harding for 33 years; he was the AMA faculty advisor for 28 of those years. While he was the faculty advisor, Harding competed in the regional and international case competitions, placing in the top 10 in many of those competitions.

At the presentation, Walker talked about what students can gain from being in AMA.

"Fellowship is offered in a very unique way in AMA," he said. "You really get to know a person in a different type of setting than you normally would."

Walker also talked about some of the experiences he had in AMA and what the club means to him.

"Field trips are a great learning experience in AMA," he said. "We went to Little Rock



Lauren Brubaker/The Bison

**Lori Sloan**, American Marketing Association sponsor, presents former AMA sponsor Charles Walker with an award recognizing his years of service to the organization. The Harding chapter recently formed a scholarship in his honor.

and Memphis, but the one I remember the most is the trip we took to the Wal-Mart Headquarters in Bentonville. They [Wal-Mart] are very particular about who they let come visit, but after a lot of persistence, they let us come.

"One of the most enjoyable things about that trip was the fact that Wal-Mart allowed it's newest employees to come and talk

to us and tell us what it was like and what they had to do. It was very interesting."

This is not the first time Walker has been honored in connection with AMA. He received the International Recognition AMA Award and also won advisor of the year, honorable mention for advisor of the year twice and was on the judging committee twice.

## Exercising your right



### Writer's Block

Sarah Terry  
Editor

Like most kids, all I wanted to do when I was growing up was be a grown up.

For me, that meant being 16 and old enough to drive, then turning 18 and being old enough to vote.

Unfortunately, by the time I turned 18, very few people my age were stepping into the voting booth.

According to the National Association of Secretaries of State, since the voting age was lowered from 21 to 18-years-old in 1971, there has been nearly a 20 percent decline in the rate of voting among 18-to-24-year-olds. Less than one in five members of this age group voted in the last presidential election.

When the voting age was amended, the Baby Boom generation — the young adults of the era — were voting because they felt the key issues affected their lives.

Generation X is labeled as complacent and uninvolved. It's an unfair assessment since that attitude has been cultivated by a mind set that what we say and do doesn't matter. What this generation lacks most is the belief that what we say and do does have the power to create change.

Many of today's youth feel out of touch with the issues that dominate the presidential election now. And even though those issues are closer than we imagine, topics like Social Security and school vouchers seem a million miles away from where we are today.

The latest voting babies are coming of age in an era when convincing people to vote is difficult because of the general prosperity throughout the nation and growing cynicism about politics. As a result, too many potential voters are already disenchanted with the process before they are old enough to vote.

This sobering atmosphere has lead almost every media outlet — including MTV, pop magazines and newspaper columns — aimed at young adults to launch their own campaigns to attract young voters to the polls.

The premise behind these endeavors is a noble — if not always successful — one: Don't be too eager to complain but too lazy to exercise your rights at the polls.

As in all great pursuits, education is the key.

Learn about the candidates and their positions on the hot topics, take the quiz on page five of *The Bison* but, above all, vote.

Anyone close enough to drive home and absentee vote before Nov. 7 would be well advised. Students who have already returned their completed ballots or who have changed their polling place to White County are commended.

Any way to get to a voting booth armed with information is worthwhile — just exercise your right to be a grown up and vote.

## Remember who you represent

### Osborne event shows best, worst of human nature

My Jennings Osborne Journal  
Saturday, Oct. 14  
Noon

No sign of a line. I warn my parents, whose visit of course had nothing to do with the barbecue, that we'll need to get in line soon if we ever want to get food.

2:45 p.m.

My mom and I make our way to the line, which at this point extends a short distance across the lawn in front of the Ganus Athletic Center. About 150 people are in line ahead of me. Optimistic, I advise my mom that we should have our food by 4:30.

3:10 p.m.

The crowds start arriving in earnest. Thankful for my fine spot in line, I walk around in line, talking to a few friends. I find a group of friends about five people ahead of my spot in line. Resisting the temptation to jump in with them, I return to my rightful place. Length of line: nearing the end of the Ganus lawn and Burks Boulevard.

3:30 p.m.

I think most of White County is here now. The cutters are starting flow from Harbin and Allen, amazingly finding good friends they need to have a chat with at the front of the line. Length of line: doubled back to the front of the GAC.

3:50 p.m.

Excitement builds as the cutting quickens. Those of us who were here last year can almost taste the barbecue. Length of line: My spies tell me that the line has started to curve around to the back side of the GAC.

4:02 p.m.

The serving tent opens and the few up front start to claim their prize triumphantly. Due to congestion caused by the cutters, I don't move an inch for nearly 10 minutes. Length of line: Nearing the intramural softball fields.

4:30 p.m.

My patience is wearing thin. I'm not the only one about the confront the dastardly cutters. Length of line: Latecomers are forced to join the line as it runs down Beebe-Capps.

5:00 p.m.

My friend (the one who started just five people ahead of me) is finally served. Number of people between me and him: probably around 200. Length of line: Rapidly ap-



### Guest Room

Ryan Cook  
Copy Editor

proaching Beebe.

5:30 p.m.

I am finally served. I gratefully get my tray and retreat to my waiting family's table. Length of line: Osborne mansion in Little Rock.

Around 7:30 p.m.

Those who were honest about getting in line late are served. They are late for the game, but at least they were honest about it.

The Jennings Osborne tailgate barbecue is truly a blessing we should be thankful for. Osborne, who apparently

has more money than most college students can even fathom (except possibly on their loan bills), sees fit to share his good fortune with others.

I don't think there is a more All-American way he could do so than with food. Thank you, Mr. Osborne.

After the shameful display of cutting at this year's event, I truly wouldn't blame him if he did not come back next year. Apparently, keeping the peace when free food is involved requires armed line guards and/or numbered tickets.

I understand that football players, band members and cheerleaders had a legitimate need to get through the line quickly so that they could prepare for the evening. But I personally knew many of those who thought they were

more important than the thousands of people behind them; they had no excuse — they were merely being selfish.

I also understand that this error in judgment is not exactly an earth-shattering ethics violation. I submit to you, however, that it is a troubling indicator of priorities on this campus and among Christians in general.

Sure, we love God and all, but, if the barbecue debacle is any sign, all bets are off where free food is involved. The ugly scene could have been repeated, even expected, at any other school with little or no surprise (and maybe a little violence).

We had many visitors on campus for the barbecue, as we often do for special events. Even members of the Searcy community with no connection to Harding were welcomed. Parents, alumni, friends, prospective students and other visitors were all at the barbecue, not to mention the Osborne family and their crew. What

an opportunity to promote Harding and, more importantly, to let our lights shine, particularly to those who were new to campus or the gospel of Christ.

The Harding community is supposed to be known for its giving, loving, Christian spirit.

Were I a visitor seeing our campus for the first time on that day, however, I would have trouble buying that Harding students put Christ

first.

I urge everyone to give before they take, to be mindful of the needs of those around them and, most importantly, to do whatever it takes to be a good example to and minister to those around them.

"Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 2:5).

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## Speak out: Should Christians celebrate Halloween?



"Yes, because there is no harm in dressing up and getting candy. It's all about intent."  
**Dave Hudson, senior**



"If they celebrate it just as a fun holiday, it's just like the tooth fairy — it's harmless."  
**Sharon Hall, freshman**



"As far as the candy goes, it's fine, but as far as the whole idea behind Halloween, I think it's wrong."  
**Katie Tool, senior**



"It's only wrong to celebrate Halloween depending on your state of mind."  
**Chris Brainard, sophomore**

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# Faces in the Crowd

## Freshman maneuvers through life with 'positive outlook'

Making friends and influencing people all in a day's work for wheelchair bound student

**Editor's Note:** This is the fifth in a continuing series featuring unique members of the Harding community.

**Carrie Guild**  
Staff Writer

Running back and forth to class is a normal activity in the life of most Harding students, but getting to class is a little different for some students, like freshman Nate Lackie, who zips to and from class in his motorized wheelchair.

Junior secondary education major **D i a n e** Perkins is one of Lackie's personal care assistants.

"Nate is a wonderful, charming, gentleman that has so much spunk. I admire him so much," she said. "Just working with him has helped me realize that there are no disabilities that,

with God, you cannot handle."

Lackie, a freshman business management major, has many goals for his life.

"After college I want to go on and get my MBA," he said. "I want to run my own business and eventually go into politics. I chose politics because I want to make a difference. I can influence people either behind the scenes or in public office."

Lackie's main goal in life is to influence others.

"I hope that I have made a great influence on everyone I have met," he said. "I want people to think of me as someone who works hard and

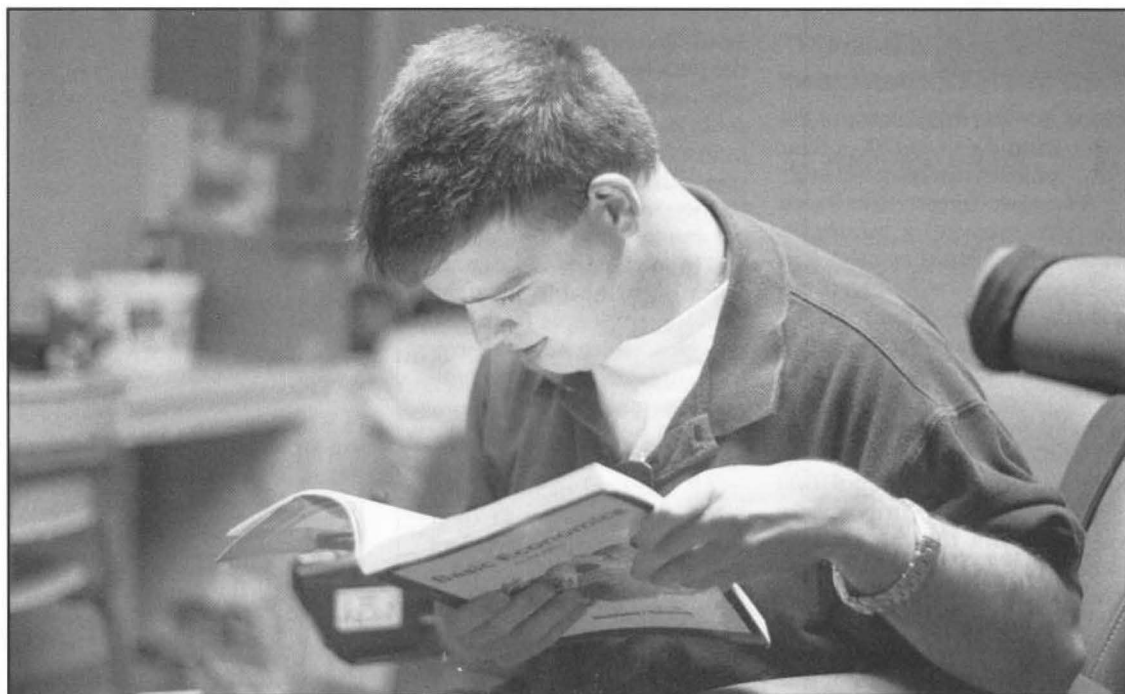
**Everyone has a choice everyday. We can decide to get up and climb the mountain or we can shy away from that challenge. I hope that I never give up.**

Nate Lackie, freshman

studies hard. If I can do that, I have done my job."

Lackie said coming to Harding has changed his outlook on life.

"Harding has changed me by



Carrie Guild/The Bison

**Freshman Nate Lackie**, a business major, studies in his room before class. Lackie, who is wheelchair bound, says coming to Harding has made him become more independent and self-sufficient. "Harding has really taught me to be disciplined and balanced in everything that I do," he said.

making me realize that no one owes me anything. In life no one is going to look over my shoulder and say, 'Nate go here!' or

'Nate do this!' Harding has really taught me to be disciplined and balanced in everything that I do. If a person doesn't have personal pride or some kind of inner fortitude, they will never make it here or anywhere."

Perkins said that Lackie serves as an inspiration in her life.

"Life throws us all curves, and regardless of what stage of life you are in you still have to learn to deal with them," Perkins said. "So when you meet someone like Nate who has overcome so much,

you realize that your goals and your dreams are tangible."

Lackie hopes to maintain that positive outlook on life.

"Everyone has a choice everyday," he said. "We can decide to get up and climb the mountain or we can shy away from that challenge. I hope that I never give up."

"Tomorrow is never promised to us. We have to live everyday like it is our last. So, if we don't know about tomorrow, we have to live like we want to be remembered."

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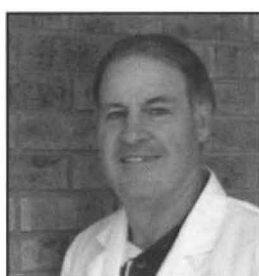
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## Key points to affect outcome of election



### Guest Room

Meredith Hlasta

Trying to make sense of the candidates and all of their policies can be confusing.

A few key issues — like Social Security, increasing minimum wage, school vouchers and gun policies — are expected to determine the outcome of this race. The reason these issues have seemed to stay with this campaign in particular is because of the strength of the national economy.

People are shifting their focus to other things as the population gets older. Social Security checks are paid with the money that today's workers pay into the system.

The program was started in the 1930s as part of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's "New Deal." It was intended to become a supplemental income — not the main source of income for retired people as it has become today.

The problem with the program is the impending mass retirement of the Baby Boomer generation, one of the largest age groups in the country.

Texas Governor George W. Bush, the Republican nominee for President, wants to allow young workers to put aside some of the

money they are paying into the system and invest it privately into the stock market.

The strength of this program is that it would allow people to take back their own retirement money; they would have control over it. People also could potentially make more money this way than if they just pooled it into Social Security.

However, there are also some problems with this plan — the most obvious one is what happens if the stock market crashes? It happened once; it can certainly happen again. Is the government going to have to then bail people out who lose money? Even if the market stays strong, some people will certainly make less money than others. Historically, the stock market has a negative year one out of every four years.

Democratic nominee Vice President Al Gore wants to use a two-step process. The first would be to use the money in the national surplus that is projected to pay off the entire national debt within 12 years, then take the resulting interest payments (which by 2015 will be \$220 billion per year) and put it into Social Security. Gore also proposes a plan for voluntary, tax-free savings accounts that can supplement Social Security.

Workers who use this program will receive federal matching funds (up to \$100,000) in the form of tax credits.

The program also has some

weaknesses, however, such as the dependency on the surplus created in the good economy to pay for the Baby Boomers' retirement. What happens if the economy goes into recession? Gore's plan only delays the insolvency of Social Security — it does not save the program permanently.

An issue that affects everyone with a minimum wage job is the proposal to increase minimum wage.

"In some parts of the country a high minimum wage could keep people from getting jobs," Bush has said, urging caution in raising the minimum wage.

Gore, however, is pushing for an immediate increase.

"[I want to] increase [the] minimum wage by \$1 over two years, [and] as President will continue to advocate for regular reviews of this wage increase to ensure that it keeps up with the changing economy," he said.

Another issue that keeps appearing is a school voucher program. The vouchers are given to parents who want to be able to put their children into a different school than the public district where they live.

The money they are given

is tax money that would have gone to the original school for their child's education. Instead, the parents then give the voucher to the public or private school

of their choice when they enroll.

"As Governor, I supported a pilot voucher program in Texas because I believe competition and innovation will improve our public schools," Bush said.

Gore disagrees, citing the loss of resources in already-stressed public school systems.

"School vouchers drain important resources away from our public schools and provide little or no accountability for student achievement, quality teachers or even the use of public funds," Gore said.

With the recent school violence has come the demand for more gun laws and the desire to sue gun manufacturers, dealers and owners.

Texas passed a law that prohibits class-action law suits against gun manufacturers.

"I don't believe the manufacturer of a legal product should be liable for the criminal misuse use of that product," Bush said. "However, gun manufacturers, like all other producers of goods in America, must be held accountable for making safe products that comply with all consumer protection laws."

Gore has a slightly different view.

"[I] will continue to toughen enforcement by increasing gun-related criminal penalties," he said.

## College groups prepare for final stretch of race

Meredith Williams  
Staff Writer

As the presidential election season ignites like a fire around the country, Harding University adds a little heat to the flame.

The College Republicans, led by junior chairman Jamie Hutches and junior vice-chair Mandy Killian, is one of the most active political groups on campus and serve as student volunteers for Republican candidates, mostly in the immediate area.

The volunteers' duties consist of handing out flyers and posting signs advertising the candidates. They also go door knocking and make phone calls to citizens, encouraging votes for a specific candidate.

"We do the grunt work for the local candidates," Hutches said.

According to Hutches, the club volunteers for the Republican headquarters for no payment except for an occasional pizza party.

The College Republicans are not involved in the process for glory or for their own gain, Hutches said.

"We care about our Republican candidates," he said. "We believe in what they stand for. They will make a difference in our country."

Local elections are not the only projects that the College Republicans work on. The group was contacted by the "Youth for Bush" to help put up yard signs advertising presidential candidate George W. Bush.

The Republicans also promote elections for the Harding student body. This year, the club is focusing on the presidential election voting process for students at Harding. Their main goal was to register as many students as possible for voting in the upcoming presidential election.

"A lot of people in college are apathetic," Hutches said. "They just don't care."

Volunteers from the College Republicans will be assisting students in the voting process on



Lauren Brubaker/The Bison

Doris Coward works at the White County Republican headquarters in preparation for the elections. Members of the Harding chapter of the College Republicans volunteer regularly at the site, doing much of the 'grunt work' for local politicians.

Nov. 7 from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. in front of Dr. Burks' office in the Heritage lobby. Only those registered locally can vote on campus.

The deadline for registering to vote in the upcoming presidential election has already passed. However, students are encouraged to register now for other elections.

The minimum voting age is 18. Therefore, most college students should be old enough to vote. The College Republicans feel it is important to start voting now.

"If people don't start in college, they probably will never start," Hutches said.

For those students who are already registered in other states, an absentee ballot is ideal for voting in the upcoming election. Stu-

dents can visit [www.election.com](http://www.election.com) for information regarding absentee voting in different states. Every state has different conditions concerning absentee voting. In order to receive a ballot, one must send in a request form. Some states have already reached the deadline for absentee ballots so those wishing to vote must act quickly.

An alternative to the College Republicans is the College Democrats. Junior Kelly Carter is currently trying to restart the College Democrats as an official Harding club. The club is trying to reactivate the charter, but cannot find a copy of the constitution, which is mandatory to reinstate the club.

However, Carter is confident that the College Democrats will come together in the next few weeks. An announcement will be made in chapel sometime in the next few weeks giving more information about the College Democrats.

Carter challenges everyone to "come check both parties out and decide what issues you agree with."

**We care about our Republican candidates. We believe in what they stand for. They will make a difference in our country.**

Jamie Hutches,  
College Republicans Chairman

## Speak out: Do you believe your vote matters?



"Yes, because it gives me a chance to have a say."  
Amanda Slayton,  
junior



"No, because the electoral college is the one that makes the final decision."  
Mark Hixson,  
freshman

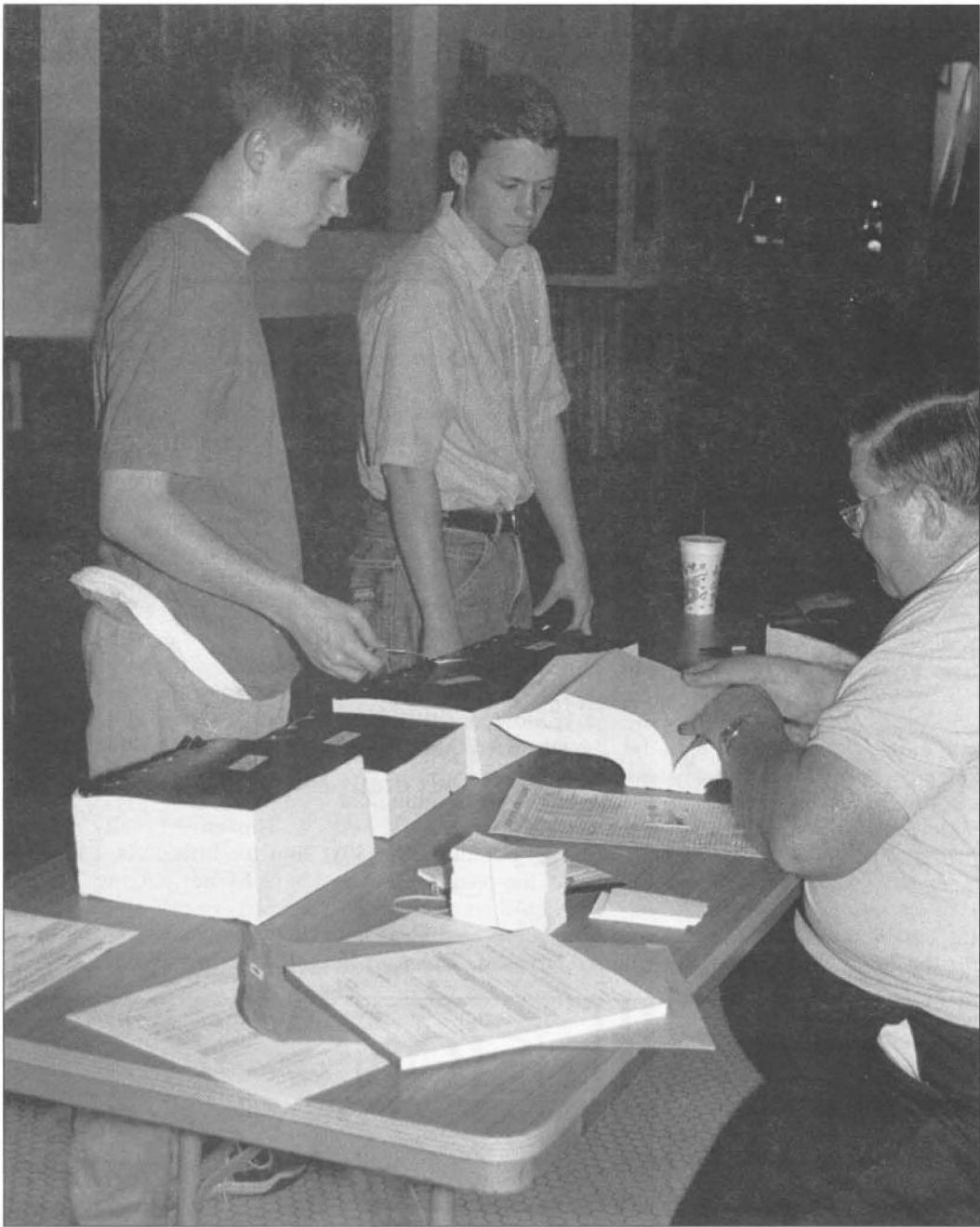


"Yes. I vote to show appreciation for freedom."  
Nhu Ta,  
senior



"No, I don't know what I'm voting for anyway."  
Jeremy Geurin,  
sophomore





Freshmen Derek Seawel, left, and Dustin Seawel vote absentee ballots Wednesday at the White County Courthouse as poll worker Max Clark looks on. The election will be Nov. 7. Americans cite time restraints as one of the main factors for not voting, according to a 1996 Census Bureau study.

## Candidates vie for needed youth vote

Philip Davis  
Staff Writer

Democracy means citizen participation — taking action to influence the government. To many people, that means voting. Traditionally, college-age voters are among the least likely to register and actually vote.

Since the minimum voting age was lowered to 18 in 1971, it has not had a profound effect on subsequent elections. The highest voter turnout since the change was in 1972, when 49.6 percent of Americans voted. With the exception of the 1982, 1992 and 1994 elections, voter turnout has been decreasing.

Many people say they are too busy to vote. A 1996 Census Bureau study found that 21.5 percent of those who did not vote cited that they could not take time off of work or school to do so.

"Time constraints are now the single biggest reason Americans who are registered give for not voting," Linda Bass, author of the Census Bureau study, said.

For many, apathy towards government and the political process keeps them from voicing their opinion.

According to the same 1996 report, 17 percent of those registered who did not vote failed to do so because of apathy.

Complex voter registration requirements were thought to be one cause deterring people from voting. States are trying to make the

**A 1996 Census Bureau study found that 21.5 percent of those who did not vote cited that they could not take time off of work or school to do so.**

requirements easier for people to be able to register.

In 1993, the "Motor Voter" Act was passed, allowing people to register when they get their driver's license. According to the Census Bureau reports, even this effort has met with limited success.

Agencies such as Rock the Vote, Youth Vote and Project Vote Smart are all aimed at getting young people informed and involved in voting.

States are attempting to make voting easier by allowing absentee ballots, voting by mail and early voting.

Voters who wish to vote early may do so at the County Clerk's office at the Courthouse up to 15 days prior to Election Day.

"It must be remembered that voting is only a first step, a minimum level of participation," Curtis Gans, member of the Committee for the Study of the American Electorate, said. "The real challenge is not just to increase the number of voters, but to ensure citizens are informed about the choices they make."

## Quiz offers sampling of major campaign issues

**Editor's Note:** This is a quiz provided to media outlets by the editors of the O'Leary Report. The test is designed to use pertinent issues to help voters decide which presidential candidate they support. Copyright / 2000 Associated Television News.

1. Do you think any effort to provide tax relief for the so-called "marriage penalty" (wherein married couples often pay more in taxes than they would as singles) should be offered to all married couples or only those who pay the marriage penalty?

- A) All Married Couples  
B) Only those who pay penalty

2. Which candidate's course of action is best? Candidate A believes that a large estate left to heirs should be taxed at a rate of 50 percent for anything over \$1.2 million. Candidate B believes that the estate tax is unfair and should be eliminated.

- A) Candidate A  
B) Candidate B

3. Which candidate's position do you support — A or B? Candidate A believes that in order to strengthen Social Security, participants' contributions must achieve better returns. To achieve this he proposes that individuals be allowed to invest a small portion of their Social Security payroll taxes in stocks, bonds and mutual funds. Candidate B believes that investments in stocks, bonds and

mutual funds exposes participants to risk and should not be an option. He supports using a large portion of the budget surplus to strengthen Social Security.

- A) Candidate A  
B) Candidate B

4. Which candidate do you support? Candidate A believes that abortion does not destroy a life and is not manslaughter. Candidate B believes that abortion destroys a life and is manslaughter.

- A) Candidate A  
B) Candidate B

5. Which candidate's position do you support? Candidate A believes the Second Amendment of the Constitution protects the rights of an individual to own a gun. Candidate B believes the Second Amendment protects the rights of states in the form of militias to own guns.

- A) Candidate A  
B) Candidate B

6. Which candidate's position do you support — A or B? Candidate A says there should be more gun control laws, including mandatory gun locks. Candidate B says that instead of new laws we should spend more money to enforce the current laws.

- A) Candidate A  
B) Candidate B

7. Regarding education: Can-

didate A says we need smaller classes, more money and bigger and better-equipped schools. Candidate B says we need more accountability and standards for teachers, students and administration. Which do you support?

- A) Candidate A  
B) Candidate B

8. Which candidate's position do you support — A or B? Candidate A believes Head Start's primary emphasis should be teaching children social skills so that they will interact well with their fellow students and with their teachers when they begin school. Candidate B believes that Head Start's primary emphasis should be laying the groundwork for reading and writing so that children will be ready to learn when they begin school.

- A) Candidate A  
B) Candidate B

9. Which candidate's course of action is best — A or B? Candidate A believes we should delay deployment of a missile defense system in part to abide by the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty we had with the Soviet Union. Candidate B believes we should not worry about the treaty that is no longer in effect and that we should move quickly on designing and implementing a missile defense system.

- A) Candidate A  
B) Candidate B

10. Which candidate's course of action is best? The size of our military is now at the level it was in the 1970s. Candidate A believes we should begin a military build-up immediately to shore up our greatly reduced military. Candidate B believes our military is safe from foreign aggressors and we should be spending money elsewhere in the federal government.

- A) Candidate A  
B) Candidate B

11. Which candidate do you support? Candidate A supports the Kyoto Global Warming Treaty, designed to protect the environment including water and air and which requires American industries to conform to higher standards than industries in developing nations. Candidate B opposes the treaty because it places tough standards on the U.S. and other large industrial nations and little or no restrictions on industries in developing nations and would cost American jobs and raise costs to American consumers.

- A) Consumer A  
B) Consumer B

12. Which candidate's position do you support — A or B? Candidate A believes if the minimum wage is increased gradually by \$1 an hour over three years, it will benefit low-income families, help others get off welfare and improve the standard of living for millions of people. Candidate B

believes increasing minimum wage will be detrimental to small businesses not able to handle such increases and will cause those businesses to decrease the number of people hired for entry-level jobs.

- A) Candidate A  
B) Candidate B

13. Which candidate would you support? Candidate A believes that because of China's militarism, nuclear modernization and espionage they should not be America's strategic partner but a competitor who does not share America's values. Candidate B believes China should be our strategic partner and open up its markets to American products thereby creating more jobs.

- A) Candidate A  
B) Candidate B

### Scoring

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| 2. A) Gore  | B) Bush |
| 3. A) Bush  | B) Gore |
| 4. A) Gore  | B) Bush |
| 5. A) Bush  | B) Gore |
| 6. A) Gore  | B) Bush |
| 7. A) Gore  | B) Bush |
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| 11. A) Gore | B) Bush |
| 12. A) Gore | B) Bush |
| 13. A) Bush | B) Gore |





**Tickets for the** musical group Sister Hazel, who will be in concert Nov. 11 in the Benson Auditorium, will be on sale from Noon-6 p.m. every weekday until the show. Tickets are \$10 or free with the Pass. Their songs include "Change Your Mind" and "All For You."

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## "Dinosaur" offers typical Disney fare

Vicki Cupper  
Staff Writer

Well, Disney really outdid itself this time. "Dinosaur," the latest in computer animation from "The Happiest Production Company on Earth," will have you leaving the theater saying, "Wow! Did I really just spend an hour and a half watching that?!"

The movie is about a clan of lemurs living on an island who find a dinosaur egg hatching. Since there are no parents, the lemurs take care of the newborn, Aladar (voiced by D.B. Sweeney).

Years later, a meteor hits and the shockwave forces everyone to flee to the mainland. There, Aladar and his family meet other dinosaurs, as well as real dangers, for the first time. The destruction caused by the meteor has also forced a herd of different herbivores to move to a remote valley that can provide food and protection against the carnivorous predators following after them.

Since Aladar grew up with a different understanding of the ways of the world, his way of helping others first isn't accepted within the herd, but soon it is

proven that reason may be better than panic. Naturally.

I may like a little predictability with my popcorn, but come on. Hasn't every single Disney movie ever made had the exact same underlying message? Isn't the hero always the one the "leader" never listens to? I felt like a used tissue after I saw this film.

I don't have enough space to even begin to tell you how much I didn't like this movie. Most of the scenes were indescribably boring, only to be pathetically punched up with dino-on-dino WWF. If the dinosaurs moved as slow as this turkey did, I'm surprised they weren't extinct sooner.

This movie was nothing but a prehistoric "Lion King." I lost count of the parallels after 30. With the all-too-predictable ending, you could smell the merchandise-laden sequel. What would it be called, "Dinosaur II:

Aladar's Pride"?

The final fight scene between the dinosaurs and a carnivore is, honestly, a shouting match. When they finally overcome the carnivore and push him off the cliff, you can here an audible "huh?" come from the villain.

Then they show the valley where the dinosaurs are to live. OK, can we say "Jurassic Park" rip-off? You would have to be a mushroom not to notice. I'm surprised they weren't sued for copyright infringement.

The groundbreaking visuals can't even excuse this wasted piece of celluloid. Let's just forget about the fact that the storyline was conceived by an amoeba.

This movie really is too violent for little kids. I mean they have Barney singing "I love you / you love me" all day, and then they see this movie? No wonder kids are confused.

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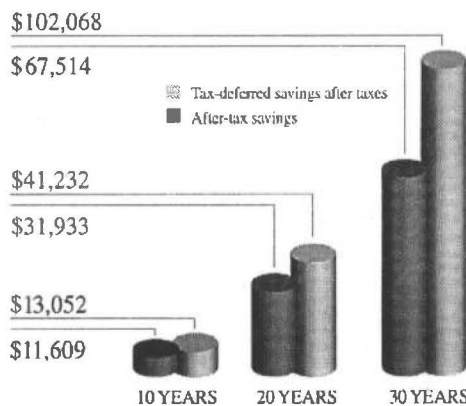
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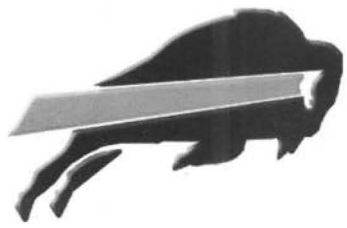
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## Harding wins first GSC Championships Cross country teams sweep men's, women's titles

Erin Broussard  
Staff Writer

On Oct. 21, the Harding University cross country teams swept the Gulf South Conference Championship meet in Huntsville, Ala. This was their first chance to gain the championship since joining the GSC this year.

Harding swept the top honors, as coach Bryan Phillips left the meet with both the men's and women's GSC Coach of the Year awards, senior Linus Chepkwony won the individual men's title and sophomore Hanna Ritakallio won the women's individual title.

In the men's competition, Harding nearly earned a perfect score, taking five of the top six positions. In the women's competition, the close results had the Lady Bisons winning over West Georgia with a slim five-point margin of victory.

Phillips began his coaching career as an assistant track coach in 1988 and began coaching cross country in 1995. Phillips is hoping that his teams will make it to the NCAA Division II National Championships. To do so, they must finish as one of the top teams at the regional meet, which will be held Nov. 4 in Jacksonville, Fla.

"The men have quite a bit of depth, [meaning] there's not a lot of separation between our top runners and our last," Phillips said. "They're all improving and running better. All of them are real close to each other and are pretty good runners. Our women separate out differently than our men. We have a couple of outstanding

runners and they are out in front. Then there's a good pack of three behind them. A real plus is that our top five girls will be back next year."

Junior Japheth Langat said the greatest strength the team has is that they function as a team.

Freshman Sarah Reardon ran cross country for four years in high school. She also sees the team's strength in unity.

"Our team's strength is definitely how close we are," Reardon said. "We can always come to each other for help. [Being on the team] is challenging. It helps you develop discipline."

"I enjoy the team aspect of it," junior Andrew Scharff said. "Practice isn't always fun but the races challenge you in a way that nothing else can."

Phillips said a typical day of practice for these teams varies, but is always tough.

"Early in the season we run four or five days a week at six in the morning and again at 3:30 in the afternoon," Phillips said. "On Saturdays, we run one long run, which for the guys would be 16 to 18 miles and for the girls 15-16 miles, at six in the morning. As the season progresses, we run three times in the morning and every afternoon."

"Then, eventually, we drop down to running one time or no times. We always take Sundays off. We do intervals, repeats and hill workouts."

Though Phillips may receive some groans from the tough workout schedule, he certainly has made an impact on the team mem-



Daniel Dubois/Petit Jean

Sophomore Dustin Knudsen runs ahead of two competitors from Rhodes College during a meet earlier this year. Knudsen and other members of Harding's men's and women's cross country teams ran their way into the record books last weekend by clinching Harding's first ever Gulf South Conference Championships.

bers' lives.

"I had a military coach in high school who used intimidation to push us, so we ran because we were scared," Scharff said. "Coach Phillips' main priority is that we live Godly lives. He cares more about us as people, which pushes us to perform well."

Reardon appreciates this aspect of Phillips as well.

"He asks us about our spiritual lives," Reardon said. "He says

that running means nothing if our spiritual lives are suffering."

All of the runners appear to be strong, athletically and personally. With tough practices and tournaments behind them and even more ahead, the teams are pushing each other. During those last minutes when the race is nearly over or the practice is almost done, these are the things that keep them going.

"I compete because I know

I'm doing it for my team so I struggle hard to do the best," freshman Janet Kogo said.

"The after-feeling keeps me going," Langat said. "I know it's just going to be another five minutes, then it will be all over. Push the last five minutes, 'cause that's the little you need. The sense of accomplishment that you endured the pain for that long pushes me to keep going."

## Jets come back, beat Dolphins: Who knew?



### Round & Round

Jeff McKeand  
Sports Editor

A funny thing happened after I – and probably most of the country – went to sleep Monday night.

When I turned off the TV, the Miami Dolphins were dominating the New York Jets and had a 30-7 lead early in the fourth quarter. This game was over, right?

Wrong.

You can imagine my surprise Tuesday morning when I heard the Jets scored 30 points in the fourth quarter and ended up win-

ning the game in overtime.

This raises two very interesting questions.

First, what in the world happened to the Miami defense? Second, was anyone still at the game or watching it on TV?

Here in the Central time zone, it was past 10 p.m. when the second half kicked off. Just a few days earlier, it was past midnight when the Yankees finished off the Mets in Game 1 of the World Series. Although that was a weekend game, I suspect many people still missed the ending.

If people in the Central time zone are giving up and going to bed before the game ends, the situation on the East Coast must be worse.

How many Jets fans stayed

awake on Monday night to watch that entire game? Keep in mind that the East Coast is the prime audience that networks cater to.

Am I the only one who is tired of this happening?

Doesn't it seem like we are setting new records for the "longest regulation game" or the "longest extra-inning game" too often?

As many people point out, kids aren't able to stay up and watch most of these games, so the sports are losing future viewers and fans. It stuns me that the leagues continue to ignore this.

The NFL isn't nearly as bad because it plays all but two of its games each week on Sunday afternoon. But baseball will be in real trouble if it continues to allow its postseason games to

stretch deep into the night.

So what can be done?

Well, what was wrong with the early starting time last year for Monday Night Football? That extra hour made a difference, although the games still went long.

And why do we need 45-minute pregame shows for the World Series? Start the game at 7:30 ET at the latest. That way, fans can watch the entire game, even if it goes into extra innings.

And whatever happened to day games at the World Series?

There are other concerns also, namely commercial breaks. On Saturday night, I sat through so many commercials during a late-inning pitching change that I honestly forgot what I was watching.

I know this is where the rev-

enue comes from, but it is getting ridiculous.

The NFL is no better, especially with the eternal halftime breaks on Monday nights. It is very rare to find a three-hour game in either sport these days. That's fine if the game starts at noon, but not at 7 or 8 p.m.

Believe me, I am not a wacko fan who sits watching a baseball game with a stopwatch and moans about the game taking eight minutes longer than the average game from the previous season. However, I am a person who enjoys watching an entire game at night.

I hate waking up and finding out that I missed one of the best fourth-quarter comebacks in NFL history.

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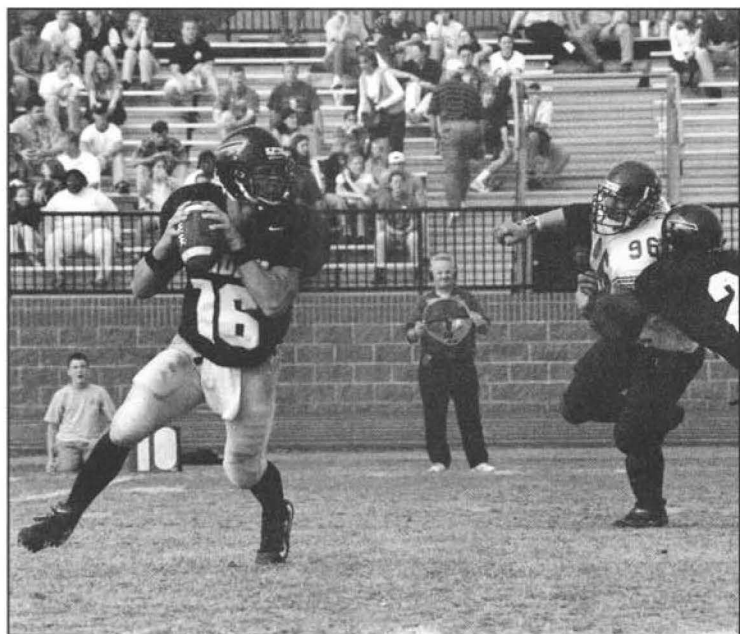
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# Bisons win tight Homecoming game, lose Payne



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Freshman quarterback Freddie Langston drops back to pass as sophomore running back Michad Holliday blocks North Alabama defensive end Darin Damron. Langston and the Bisons rallied back from an 18-point deficit against the UNA Tigers to extend their Homecoming win streak to 10 straight years.

Ryan Cook  
Copy Editor

Wide right.

The Bisons cherished those words Saturday as University of North Alabama freshman kicker Travis Johnston missed three fourth-quarter field goal attempts by razor-thin margins, allowing Harding to capture a 37-36 come-from-behind Homecoming win at First Security Stadium.

The win was Harding's tenth consecutive Homecoming triumph, evening its record at 4-4 overall and 3-3 in its inaugural Gulf South Conference campaign.

Harding suffered a key loss in the victory, however. Senior receiver Gerald Payne, who is averaging over 138 all-purpose yards per game this season, fractured his left arm in the fourth quarter and is likely done for the year. Miami Dolphins scout Johnathon Stigall attended the game to observe Payne, who caught five passes for 75 yards before his fourth-quarter injury.

The Bisons trailed 22-3 early in the second quarter and 29-18 at halftime.

"We dug ourselves a hole the first half and had some turnovers that caused us to get in quite a hole," head coach Randy Tribble said.

After allowing a quick UNA

score to open the second half, the Bisons began their comeback.

In an important turning point, freshman Chad Bonner recovered a UNA red-zone fumble mid-way through the third quarter. The Bisons drove 85 yards to score on an 18-yard run by sophomore Michad Holliday. The two-point conversion attempt failed, leaving the Bisons down 36-24 as the third quarter ended.

UNA looked to counter with a strong drive as the fourth quarter started, but the Lions were forced to attempt a 29-yard field goal — Johnston's first miss.

After an unsportsmanlike conduct call which nearly killed Harding's next drive, freshman Freddie Langston found freshman Tiago Collins for a 70-yard touchdown on a third-and-16 play. Freshman Coy Nance hit the PAT to bring Harding within five, 36-31, with 11:02 to play.

Sophomore Floyd Black stopped UNA's Kyle Rea on a fourth-and-one play to earn the Bisons good field position (the UNA 43) for what would be the game-winning drive.

After Holliday rushed for six yards, Langston fired a bullet to senior Drew Colon, who fought off heavy pass interference to haul in the pass just across the goal line.

"It's not me, it's the team," Colon said. "We came together at the

end. That's what it takes. Offense came through, defense came through for sure."

Harding got two shots at the conversion courtesy of a pass interference call, but failed on both tries.

Johnston missed two late field goals, a 41-yarder with 2:26 to play and a 38-yarder with 48 seconds left, allowing Harding to salvage the win. Senior Said Perez sacked UNA quarterback Tyler Peterson on a third-and-one play to force the last field goal try.

"We challenged our kids and they challenged themselves to come out and fight and do everything they could to get a win in the second half," Tribble said. "I couldn't be any prouder of a group."

Collins had three receptions, including two for a touchdown, for 136 yards.

"I'm just happy we pulled it out," Collins said. "Everybody kept fighting and didn't give up. The team effort paid off in the end."

Langston came in off the bench and completed nine of 13 passes for 241 yards. He tied his own school record, tossing four touchdown passes in a single game. Junior William Holloway led the Bisons on the ground, earning 86 yards on 10 carries. Holliday ran eight times for 82 yards.

"Offense picked it up," Tribble said. "Gerald Payne got hurt and Tiago Collins stepped up and made a couple big plays. Our running game made some big plays with William Holloway and Michad Holliday. They both did a great job."

Harding travels to Carrollton, Ga. tomorrow to take on nationally-ranked West Georgia. Kickoff is set for 1:30 EDT, 12:30 CDT. The game will be broadcast locally on 99.9 FM.

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